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ORDER OF ASSIGNMENT OF A NUMBER OF  
SUPPLIES TO A NUMBER OF DEMANDERS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination and prior to calculating fees, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows: